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SUBJ: PODGORNYY ON DETENTE

1. SUMMARY. PODGORNYY'S LENGTHY ARTICLE IN THE FEBRUARY 12  
IZVESTIYA STRIKES US AS A REPETITION OF HIS STANDARD POSITIONS  
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ON THE SOVIET UNION'S RELATIONS WITH THE OUTSIDE WORLD. HE

DOES SAY THAT THE SOVIET UNION IS READY FOR "NEW PRACTICAL STEPS" IN DEEPENING DETENTE AND EXTENDING DETENTE INTO THE MILITARY FIELD. HE IS FAIRLY TOUGH ON THE WEST IN APPORTIONING BLAME FOR THE BEGINNING OF WORLD WAR II, BUT RECOGNIZES THE ALLIES' CONTRIBUTION IN DEFEATING HITLER. HE STRESSES THE CORRELATION OF FORCES THESIS, AND PRAISES THE PEACE PROGRAM AS THE MOST EFFECTIVE FOREIGN POLICY FOR THE SOVIET UNION. HIS CRITICISM OF THE OPPONENTS OF DETENTE IS FAIRLY STANDARD, AS IS HIS SWIPE AT THOSE IN THE WEST WHO EXPECT THE SOVIET UNION TO "PAY" FOR DETENTE. HE COMMENTS THAT PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE ALLOWS COOPERATIVE EFFORTS TOWARD SOLVING THE "SERIOUS PROBLEMS" BESETTING MANKIND--HUNGER, DISEASE, AND ENERGY AND RESOURCE USE. END SUMMARY.

2. AS IZVESTIYA NOTES, THE ARTICLE IS A REPRINT FROM THE MONTHLY MAGAZINE "SOVETSKIY SOYUZ", AN INTERNATIONAL PROPAGANDA SHEET DISTRIBUTED ABROAD IN A NUMBER OF LANGUAGES. IZVESTIYA REPRINTS IT AS THE BEGINNING OF A SERIES OF SUCH ARTICLES BY "MAJOR SOVIET AND FOREIGN POLITICAL, MILITARY, AND SOCIOLOGICAL AUTHORITIES" ON THE UPCOMING 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF WORLD WAR II.

3. PODGORNYY'S ARTICLE REFLECTS THE RECENT EMPHASIS ON "REINFORCING DETENTE" IN THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC FIELDS WITH SIMILAR MOVES IN THE MILITARY AREA. "WE ARE READY TO UNDERTAKE NEW PRACTICAL STEPS LEADING TOWARD A FURTHER IMPROVEMENT OF OUR RELATIONS WITH THE U.S., FRANCE, THE FRG, AND OTHER CAPITALIST STATES; REINFORCE SUCCESSES ALREADY ACHIEVED;... MAKE DETENTE IRREVERSIBLE; AND EXTEND IT NOT ONLY TO ALL AREAS OF THE WORLD AND TO THE MAIN SPHERES OF WORLD POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS, BUT ALSO INTO THE MILITARY FIELD." HE ALSO MAKES THE USUAL OBLIGATORY BOWS TO THE IMPORTANCE OF SALT AND ENDORSES THE RESULTS OF VLADIVOSTOK.

4. IN APPORTIONING BLAME FOR WORLD WAR II, HE IS FAIRLY TOUGH ON THE CAPITALIST STATES OF THE WEST, WHO HE SAYS WERE REPRESENTED BY HITLER IN HIS ATTEMPT TO OVERTHROW COMMUNISM. HIS REMARKS NEVERTHELESS REFLECT NOTHING MORE THAN THE USUAL SOVIET LINE ON THIS ISSUE, AND ARE PERHAPS Milder THAN HIS STATEMENT IN THIS REGARD IN HIS ELECTION CONFIDENTIAL

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SPEECH LAST JUNE. HE PAYS TRIBUTE, FURTHERMORE, TO THE CONTRIBUTION BY THE WARTIME ALLIES IN BRINGING HITLER DOWN.

5. AS IS PRODGNORNY'S WONT IN EXPLAINING DETENTE, HE DEPENDS HEAVILY ON THE STANDRAD SOVIET THEMES THAT THE CORRELATION OF FORCES HAS SHIFTED IN FAVOR OF SOCIALISM. HE NOTES THAT INTERNATIONAL CONTRADICTIONS AND CLASS DIFFERENCES REMAIN. HE CONTENTS THAT THE "SOCIALIST" WORLD IS NOW THE "DECISIVE

FACTOR" ON THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE, AS HE DID IN HIS ELECTION SPEECH. HE PRAISES THE PEACE PROGRAM AS THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY FOR THE SOVIET UNION TO TAKE CARE OF ITS FOREIGN POLICY TASKS. IN A SOMEWHAT UNUSUAL REMARK FOR A SOVIET LEADER, HE EXPRESSES THE BELIEF THAT PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE ALLOWS THE UNDERTAKING OF COOPERATIVE MEASURES TO SOLVE ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS, THE PROBLEMS OF HUNGER AND DISEASE, AND THE TASK OF MAKING "MORE RATIONAL USE OF ENERGY AND OTHER NATURAL RESOURCES."

6. PODGORNYY'S CRITICISM OF OPPONENTS OF DETENTE IS PERHAPS LESS STRIDENT THAN IN HIS DUSHANBE SPEECH IN NOVEMBER. HE DOES CRITICIZE SHARPLY POLITICAL FIGURES IN THE WEST (READ JACKSON) WHO INTERFERE WITH THE SOLUTION OF THE WORLD'S CARDINAL PROBLEMS BY INSERTING A "PETTY SHOPKEEPER'S" SPIRIT OF BARGAINING INTO THE DISCUSSION, EXPECTING THE SOVIET UNION TO "PAY" FOR DETENTE. HE ALSO REAFFIRMS THAT THE SOVIET UNION WILL CONTINUE TO AID PEOPLES "FIGHTING FOR THEIR NATIONAL AND SOCIAL LIBERATION", INCLUDING IN THIS CATEGORY THE PEOPLES OF INDOCHINA, THE ARAB NATIONS, CYPRUS, RHODESIA, AND SOUTH AFRICA.

7. IN EXTOLLING THE IMPORTANCE OF CSCE, PODGORNYY CALLS FOR A CONCLUDING STAGE "AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL (NA SAMOM VYSOKOM UROVNYE)."  
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